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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: N. Wright  
SATORU WAKAO ET AL. )  
: Art Unit: 2134  
Appln. No.: 09/875,965 )  
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Filed: June 8, 2001 )  
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For: DATA PROCESSING )  
: February 8, 2006  
APPARATUS AND METHOD :

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The Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY REMARKS  
AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, to February 8, 2006. A check in the amount of \$450.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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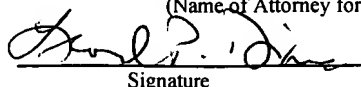
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February 8, 2006  
Date of Signature

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been submitted concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the Remarks made herein.